## Joint City-County Planning Task Force Meeting Notes August 7, 2013 – 8:00 am – Busch Building 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room

Task Force Members Present:

Greg Burris, Springfield City Manager
Tim Smith, Greene County Administrator
Fred Marty, Springfield Deputy City Manager
Collin Quigley, Springfield Asst. City Manager
Cindy Stein, Greene County Auditor
Martha Mundt, Greene County Budget Officer
Dan Patterson, Greene County Prosecutor
Paul Williams, City of Springfield Police Department (joined 8:45)
Jim Arnott, Greene County Sheriff

Task Force Members Absent:

Mary Mannix-Decker, City of Springfield Financial Director

Greg Burris, City Manager, provided welcoming remarks. Mr. Burris stated that the public could submit additional ideas for topics and issues from August 1 – August 21.

Tim Smith, Greene County Administrator, presented a powerpoint of topics. First included projected general fund cash balances. He noted that changes in expenditures were made only due to items mandated by contract or law. Greene County considers the critical level of reserves at \$4M. Greene County Budget Officer Martha Mundt stated a number of vacancies in personnel have contributed to the savings projected for this year. Mr. Smith noted \$1.2M must be cut next year to achieve a balanced budget.

Mr. Burris suggested this information be presented to City Council by the deadline of 10 weeks before next election, which would be no later than August 27 Council Meeting.

Dan Patterson reviewed the evaluation criteria for proposed revenue sources, copy attached. Mr. Burris requested approval from the Task Force to work with Mr. Patterson and create another version that would address a collection of the ideas provided from citizens by the August 21 deadline. This can then be provided to elected officials shortly after.

Mr. Smith next reviewed the 1997 Law Enforcement Sales Tax (LEST) and Mr. Patterson provided an overview of the handouts provided - 1997 ordinance that includes the cooperative agreement, sample ballot, and County's 2013 budget that includes the LEST.

Chief Williams noted that the 2009 LEST contract between City and County was not included in the packet. Mr. Smith said he would have copies sent to Task Force Members.

Next meeting scheduled for August 21 at 8:00 a.m. – Greene County Courthouse Room 212.